ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mineral Springs Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH,

SEPTEMBER 18, 19 AND 20, 1896.

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OFFICERS.

W. D. SHAW, - - MODERATOR, - - Warrior, Ala
H. F. HANNAH, - CLERK AND TREASURER, - Morris, Ala.

The next session will meet with Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, one mile south of east of Blossburg, and one and one-half miles west of Brookside, on the Elyton and Jasper road, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1897.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Moderator call the delegates to order and hear the introductory.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Appoint reading clerks and have letters read.
4. Elect the various officers for the year.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondents from other Associations.
8. Appoint return correspondents.
9. Appoint the different committees, to-wit:
    - On Devotion.
    - On Sabbath Schools.
    - On State of Religion.
    - On Temperance.
    - On Superannuated Ministers.
    - On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
    - On Missions.
    - On Education.
    - On Finance.
10. Call for report of Executive Board.
11. Call for report of standing committees.
12. Appoint standing committees.
13. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
14. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermons.

MINUTES.

The fourth annual session of the Mineral Springs Baptist Association assembled in the meeting house of Enon Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock A. M., Friday morning, September 18, 1896.

The Association was called to order by Rev. W. D. Shaw, moderator pro tem.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. L. Waldrop, from II Corinthians iii:16.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by the Moderator, G. W. Red. After singing "Meet Me There," prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Red. Letters were read from the churches by Rev. S. L. Waldrop and A. W. Smith.

CHURCHES WITH DELEGATES.

Antioch—J. H. Wood, W. W. Statum and S. S. Bullenger.

Coalburg (Second Baptist Church)—S. W. Downs, J. T. Wynns and J. M. Hall.

Chalibeate Springs—W. C. McLaughlin, T. A. Elliott, Garley Smith, Andrew Smith and J. A. Moncrief.

Calcedonia—D. J. Reed, W. W. McPherson and J. T. McPherson.

Enon—D. A. Stone, E. B. Hannah and J. H. Rogers.

Hopewell—J. M. Marsh, J. J. Deen, William Hix and B. C. Higginbotham and H. T. Darman.

Liberty—A. F. Hannah, J. V. Creel, W. F. Rogers and I. J. Hannah.

Mt. Pisgah—W. C. Wingo, David Turner, A. R. Willwood and Marcus Mason.

Mt. Olive—J. E. Good, J. B. McCarmack, A. J. Hancock and W. C. Fulnor.

New Bethel—S. J. Creel, E. C. Jolly, J. I. Caddell; alternates—R. C. Greattehouse, S. H. M. Fortner and John Smith.

New Hope—W. A. Cobb, B. I. Franklin, E. D. Creel and T. S. Tier.

Pleasant Valley—Burl Curl, Jessey Williams, W. M. Williams and John West.

Watts Union—J. L. Jolley, Thomas Carr and W. M. Eubanks; alternates—Thomas Crane and J. B. Taylor.

Mineral Springs—J. A. Montgomery, J. T. Hodges and Willis Eastis.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Moderator, W. D. Shaw; Clerk and Treasurer, H. F. Hannah.

On motion, we received Pine Grove Church with her delegates.

On Motion, we received Rev. I. C. McCrary of Sulphur Association, and Rev. J. S. Jennings and Bros. Matthew Hughs and William Franklin, of Birmingham Association.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

T. A. Elliott, S. H. M. Fortner, T. S. Tier, with the deacons of this church.

On motion, we received Will Acles and Sid Johnson as delegates of New Hope Church.

On motion, we received James M. Creel as a member of this body.

Committee on Sunday Schools—James M. Creel, W. C. Wingo and J. R. Taylor.

Committee on Documents—S. J. Creel, I. J. Hannah and G. W. Red.

Committee on State of Religion—J. V. Creel, John McPherson and T. S. Tier.

Committee on Temperauce—Thomas Carr, W. C. McLaughlin and A. W. Smith.

Committee on Superannuated Ministers—S. W. Downs, W. F. Rogers and Walter McPherson.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. T. Hughs, Dan Reed and James Jolly.

Committee on Missions—E. C. Jolly, W. C. McLaughlin and J. T. Hughs.

Committee on Education—G. W. Red, J. A. Moncrief, J. I. Caddell.

On motion, we appointed a committee of six on heresy.

Committee on Heresy—S. J. Creel, J. T. Hughs, M. P. Rogers, T. S. Tier, S. L. Waldrop and John McCarmack.

Report of the Devotional Committee read and received. Committee reports that W. C. Wingo will preach at this place to-night; Saturday at 11 A. M. Rev. J. S. Jernigan and J. A. Moncrief, Saturday night; Revs. W. C. McLaughlin and S. L. Waldrop at Liberty Saturday night; G. W. Red and T. F. Green; missionary sermon Sunday at 11 A. M. by Rev. W. D. Shaw, and Rev. Robert Jones will talk to the children one hour Sunday morning beginning at 9:30.

The moderator appointed a Standing Committee as follows: T. S. Tier, T. A. Elliott, S. H. M. Fortner and I. J. Hannah.

Minutes read and received.

Adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The house was called to order by the Moderator, W. D. Shaw, at 9 o'clock.

After singing, prayer by Rev. W. C. McLaughlin.

Hopewell, with her delegates, was received.

The next session of this body will meet with Mt. Pisgah Church, one mile south-east of Blossburg and one and one-half (1½) miles west of Brookside, on the Elyton and Jasper road, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1897.

On motion, Rev. M. M. Wood was received from Birmingham Association, and Rev. Robert Jones, of Cullman Association.

On motion, Bro. Wood was received as a State correspondent.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

On motion, all the reports on missions were ordered read together.

Report on Home Missions was read by S. J. Creel.

Report on State Missions was read by Robert Jones.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by M. M. Wood.

The floor was then given to M. M. Wood, who ably discussed the mission work.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by the Moderator, who read the first division of the Psalms and offered prayer.

On Motion, Rev. J. H. Pool was received from Birmingham Association and Rev. D. L. James from Sulphur Springs Association.

The subject of Missions was continued by Rev. Robert Jones, J. H. Pool, G. W. Red, Hiram Dorman, W. D. Shaw and F. F. Green.

After discussion of the reports on missions they were all adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

Your committee beg leave to report that our work of preaching the gospel of Christ among foreign fields is now carried on in Mexico, South America, Italy, Africa, China and Japan. The Lord has greatly blessed our missionaries during the past year, and a larger number than ever before have professed faith in our Saviour.

We regret to report that owing to the stringency in money matters the contributions to this work have fallen off, and that our Foreign Mission Board will be compelled to withdraw some of the missionaries unless the churches come to our rescue.

In conclusion, if we are Missionary Baptist in faith we should also be in practice; for "faith without works is dead," and "not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,

shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. SHAW, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We beg leave to report as follows: The letters from the various churches show that very little has been done for State Missions during past year. This we regret; a whiter and more important field is not open before us. May God help us as a body to work up and help occupy those fields. This territory includes our own bounds where much work is needed to be done.

Our State Board is doing a great work with Bro. W. C. Bledsoe as secretary. This Board keeps able and worthy men in various parts of the field who have wrought nobly.

We do heartily recommend co-operation with this board. We further recommend that all the churches adopt systematic plans by which to raise money for this work.

May the wise Father lead us to victory.

S. H. M. FORTNER, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

We beg leave to report as follows: We feel sure that the mission spirit is growing to some extent in the hearts of our people, but we feel there should be a greater interest taken in this grand and noble work. We find that our State Board is doing a good work all over our State. Even in the bounds of this Association we feel the effects of its work.

S. J. CREEL, Chairman.

REPORT OF JOHN S. POOL AS MISSIONARY FOR MINERAL SPRINGS ASSOCIATION.

I have been to three district meetings during the year and four Sunday school conventions; have visited all the churches in the Association except three; conducted two tent meetings, with good results; one at Hopewell church and one at Blossburg; have preached once a month at three mining towns until my protracted meetings commenced in June, to-wit: Bradford Mines, New Castle and Mary Lee. I have preached on an average of ten sermons each month for the first ten months, and after my meetings commenced have preached two, and every day while in the meetings I have preached three times a day for eight or ten days; but have not kept an account of the exact number of sermons. I will say that I was pastor of three churches. I feel that God has been with me in all of the work, and I give God the glory for all the good done.

I find a great increase in Sunday school work, but the churches are not waking up as they should, although the

Baptists are in better shape in this territory than any other denomination, and preachers are having to work on the farm or at some other business for a livelihood and cannot do their duty as pastors and ministers. We hope the day is not far distant when this will not be the case.

I think the tent work is reaching more people than any other means in use.

I had a contract with the Executive committee for $50.00 and have received $21.00. JOHN H. POOL.

On motion, Rev. J. C. McCrary was received from Sulphur Springs Association.

Report of Executive Committee was read and, on motion, was received and adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We beg leave to report as follows: We received $16.63 from the Association on last year that we sent to the State Board, and we have received the following:

Hopewell	$ 85
New Bethel	17 82
Mt. Olive	1 41
Total amount received	$20 08
Paid to Rev. J. H. Pool	16 00
Balance on hand	$ 4 08

We your committee, recommend that this body pay Bro. J. H. Pool balance due him.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. GRATEHOUSE, Chairman.

Rev. W. C. McLaughlin will preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body, and Rev. J. A. Moncrief, alternate; Rev. W. D. Shaw will preach the missionary sermon.

The first district meeting will meet with New Bethel Church on Friday before the first Sunday in May, and Rev. G. W. Red will preach the introductory sermon; Rev. W. D. Shaw, alternate.

The second district meeting will meet with Antioch Church on Friday before the first Sunday in June, and Rev. J. A. Moncrief will preach the introductory sermon; Rev. S. L. Waldrop, alternate.

The ministers' and deacons' meeting will meet with Calcedonia Church, commencing on Friday before second Sunday in June, 1897. Rev. W. D. Shaw will preach the introductory sermon; Rev. J. T. Hughs alternate.

On motion, this body is to meet on Friday and remain until through with business.

On motion, the Sunday school conventions remain as they are.

The first Sunday school convention will meet with Liberty church on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in November, 1896. Rev. B. F. Hughs will preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. S. L. Waldrop will preach the missionary sermon.

The second Sunday school convention will meet with Mineral Springs church commencing on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in January, 1897. Rev. W. D. Shaw will preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. G. W. Red the missionary sermon.

The third Sunday school convention will meet with the Second Baptist Church, Coalburg, commencing on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in May, 1897. Rev. J. A. Moncrief will preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. J. T. Hughs the missionary sermon.

The fourth Sunday school convention will meet with Chalibeate Springs church, commencing on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in August. Rev. W. D. Shaw will preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. J. S. Jernigan will preach the missionary sermon.

Report of Committee on Finance read and received and, on motion, was adopted.

Churches	Minutes	Associational Expenses	Home Missions	Total
Antioch	$ 1 80	.....	.....	$ 1 80
Chalybeate Springs	2 90	$ 50	.....	2 00
Coalburg (Second Baptist Church)	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Enon	1 50	50	.....	2 00
Hopewell	1 00	.....	$ 7 00	8 00
Liberty	2 15	.....	.....	2 15
Mt. Olive	75	.....	.....	75
Mt. Pisgah	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Mineral Springs	1 65	.....	.....	1 65
New Hope	1 50	25	.....	1 75
New Bethel	2 00	78	9 00	11 00
Pleasant Valley	1 50	.....	.....	1 50
Pine Grove	50	.....	.....	50
Watts' Union	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Calcedonia	1 02	.....	.....	1 05
Total	$21 30	$ 2 05	$16 00	$39 43

Adjourned until 7 o'clock to-night.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S SESSION.

House called to order by the Moderator by reading the twenty-third division of the Psalms; prayer was offered by Bro. Thomas Care.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

On motion, report on Bible and Colportage was received and adopted.

We, your committee on Bible and Colportage, beg leave to submit the following report: We have been waiting for a hearing from our Executive Committee concerning this work and are waiting yet.

S. L. WALDROP, Chairman.

On motion, the report on Sunday schools was laid over until Sunday morning.

On motion, Rev. W. T. Branham was received from Birmingham Association.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

On motion, the report on temperance was received and adopted.

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to submit the following report. We should be temperate in all things, eating, drinking, sleeping, talking and all other things.

R. C. GRATEHOUSE, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Report on ministerial education read and received and, on motion, was adopted.

We, your committee on ministerial education, beg leave to submit the following report: We believe that on the education of the youth of our country depends our wellfare. Education consists in the moral training of the man. It is the greatest civilizer of our people, bringing them out of ignorance and placing them upon the broad plane of intelligence and of social and moral fellowship; therefore, we even open our churches for the improvement of good schools in our Association.

T. A. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The report of the committee on education was read by G. W. Red and, on motion, it was received and adopted.

We, your committee on education, beg leave to submit the following report: The people within our bounds seem to be taking a greater interest in education than ever before, and we urge that they may continue, and that they may be directed by good Christians; and we recommend Howard College to all who are ready for the same.

G. W. RED, Chairman.

On motion, the executive committee was instructed to go ahead and collect what they can and pay the debt now due, and get what they can to employ a man for four months during the incoming Associational year. Also, that this body recommend Revs. S. L. Waldrop and W. D. Shaw to the board.

On motion, Rev. W. D. Shaw and Bros. D. A. Stow and R. C. Gratehouse were appointed to meet with Birmingham Association.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

House called to order by the Moderator, W. D. Shaw, by reading a part of the fifth chapter of Matthew; prayer by H. J. Horton.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report on Sunday schools was read by Rev. Robert Jones, and, on motion, it was received.

We, your committee, report as follows: We find from the letters that more than half of the churches, we do not know just how many, maintain permanent schools; but are glad to be able to report that there are several churches that run interesting schools during the entire year. You will note that these are the churches that are doing the most for the Master's bleeding cause. Many noble young people have been saved through the Sunday school. May God help all our people to wake up to the importance of this grand work.

S. H. M. FORTNER, Chairman.

On motion, Rev. D. L. James preached a missionary sermon at the Methodist church to-day.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this body tender thanks to this church and community for their kindness during our stay with them.

S. L. WALDROP.

On motion, the minutes were read and adopted.

On motion, this body stands adjourned until Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1897.

The Ladies' Aid societies of Morris and Enon report as follows:

Enon Church—Foreign Missions . . .	$ 2 47½	
" " —Home Missions	5 25	
" " —Church Aid	131 60	—$139 32
Liberty Church—Church Aid	$2 30	
" " —Orphanage	50	—$ 2 80

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MINERAL SPRINGS ASSOCIAT'N
For Year 1896.

Churches	Home Missions	Associational Missions	Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Total	Value of Property
Antioch		$ 50	$ 1 80	$ 7 15	$ 1 80	
Chalybeate Springs			2 00		2 50	
Coalburg (2d Baptist Ch'h)			1 00		1 00	
Chalcedonia			1 05		1 05	
Enon	$ 5 00	50	1 50	41 00	7 00	$350 00
Hopewell	7 00		1 00	76 43	8 00	500 00
Liberty			2 15	41 25	2 15	600 00
Mt. Pisgah			2 00		2 00	
Mineral Springs			1 65		1 65	
Mt. Olive			75		75	
New Hope		25	1 50		1 75	
New Bethel	29 37	78	2 00	51 01	32 15	500 00
Pleasant Nalles			1 50	56 50	1 50	
Pine Grove			50		50	
Watts' Union			1 00		1 00	
Total	41 36	2 03	21 40	273 37	63 50	1950 00

STATISTICS OF MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Clerk's P. O.	Membership Last reported	Increase by				Decrease by			Present Membership	Sunday School			Preaching Sabbaths
					Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Deaths		Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Superintendent's Name and O. O. Address.	
Antioch	S. L. Waldrop	J. H. Wood		24	3	2		1				30	3	41	J. H. Hodge	3d
Chalybeate Spr'gs	W. C. McLaughlin	J. G. Jacks	Newcastle	43	12	9	5		5			70	3	25	T. A. Ellyatt, Newcastle	1st
Coalburg(2d B.C.)	— Collier	S. W. Downs	Coalburg	3		7		1	11	5		23	5	35	J. F. Wynn, Coalburg	4th
Chalcedonia	W. D. Shaw	J. T. McPherson	Morris	41	10	3		2				54				
Enon	M. T. Branham	D. A. Stone	Morris	72	2	2			1	1		74	4	30	M. P. Rogers, Morris.	1st
Hopewell	J. H. Pool	J. M. Marsh	Gurley's Creek	78		1			1	4		75	5	63	B. C. Higinbothan	2d
Liberty	B. F. Hughes	J. M. Creel	Morris	112	5			1	3		2	112	8	75	J. M. Creel, Morris.	3d
Mt. Pisgah	W. C. Wingo	W. G Haynes	Brookside	45	17	23						45				
Mineral Springs	J. S. Jernigan	R. H. Hodges		26		6			6		1	26				
Mt. Olive	J. A. Moncrief	J. B. McCormack	Cardiff	24	1					1		24	2	12	J. B. McCamack	2d
New Hope	S. L. Waldrop	W. A. Cobb	Coalburg	49	1	1			3	1		49	6	30	W. M. Penney	4th
New Bethel	W. D. Shaw	J. I. Caddell	Warrior	109	9	2		1	4	1	2	109	6	110	S. H. M. Fortner.	3d
Pleasant Valley		John West	Ishkooda	36	5	4		2	4			36				3d
Pine Grove	J. A. Moncrief	A. J. Glenn	Morris	7								7				1st
Watts' Union	T. D. Holcomb	J. L. Jolly	Warrior	00	4	3			3	5	1	60				

Name of Churches organized during year: Pine Grove.